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Applicant respectfully submits the enclosed amended claims (including corrected status identifiers) in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 8, 2004. Pursuant to the instructions on the notice, Applicant is resubmitting only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document (i.e., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section). The remarks in the previously submitted amendment dated August 8, 2004, are incorporated herein by reference. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to re-examine the remarks in the previous amendment in light of the enclosed amended claims.

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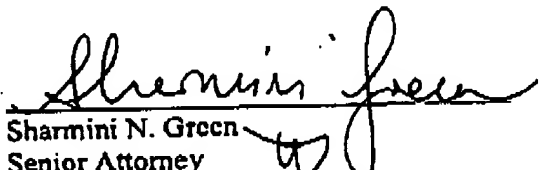
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing and Applicant's previously submitted amendment dated August 86, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's applicable objections and rejections (from the Office Action dated May 10, 2004 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 8, 2004) have been overcome and that pending Claims 14 and 16 - 31 are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to issue an early Notice of Allowance in this case. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 406-2362.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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